

REMARKS

Claims 5-12, and 14-23 are pending herein. Original claims 1-4 and 13 have been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. Examiner Hewitt is thanked for courtesies extended during a personal interview on March 21, 2005, the substance of which has been incorporated into the following remarks. As discussed during the interview, Applicants have amended the present claims to place them in condition for allowance, and have submitted herewith an Information Disclosure Statement containing reference to previously submitted document "A.R." In this regard, Applicants' undersigned attorney provided Examiner Hewitt with a better copy of that reference to enable consideration. Accordingly, Examiner Hewitt is requested to consider the references listed on the PTO-1449 filed concurrently herewith.

2. The indication that claims 5-21 are allowable if rewritten to overcome the claim objections is acknowledge and appreciated by Applicants. Accordingly, claims 1-4 have been canceled, and the remaining allowable claims have been amended herein to attend to the claim objections raised in the Office Action. In this regard, should Examiner Hewitt have any suggestions for further clarification to the claims, he is invited to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney.

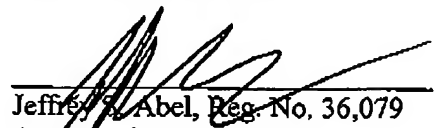
Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Examiner Hewitt is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

Should Examiner Hewitt deem that any further action by the Applicants would be desirable for placing this application in even better condition for issue, he is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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